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July 14, 2000

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT
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Mr. Dale Snyder
Absolute Mining and Minerals Inc.
145 South 1350 East
Lehi, Utah 84043

Re: Guidance for Immediate Reclamation of Site, Absolute Mining and Minerals LLC
(AMMI), Dolores River Placer Operations, S/019/035 (UTU-72488), Grand County,
Utah

Dear Mr. Snyder:

The Division is in receipt of your letter dated June 21, 2000, stating you have chosen Option A, Immediate Reclamation, of the two options offered to resolve the permitting issues at this site. Under this option, AMMI is to reclaim the site disturbance down to a five acre area and provide the required information to satisfy both the BLM and Division's requirements for an amendment to your existing mining notice. The provisions of Option A are attached on a separate page with the tasks requiring AMMI's immediate attention shown in **bold** print.

At this time, the Division requests that AMMI provide information describing the five acre area and future operations to take place within this area as an amendment to the existing mining notice. Please provide this information within 30 days of your receipt of this letter. This information will need to satisfy the Division's requirements for an amendment to a small mine notice, and the BLM's requirements for an amendment to their Plan Of Operations. Please utilize the copies of the site map previously prepared and sent to you by the Division to identify the proposed limits of the amended mining plan. After receiving this amendment information, the Division and BLM will jointly prepare a description of the reclamation tasks to be performed by AMMI to reclaim the site disturbance down to five acres.

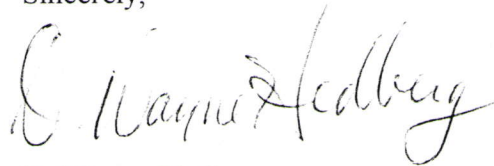
The Division does not have a specific small mine amendment form; however, submission of the information required in our small mine operation notice of intention form is acceptable. A

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Dale Snyder
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July 14, 2000

blank copy of our MR-SMO form is enclosed to assist you in providing adequate information. We realize that your amendment response may require additional revision; however, we hope to have all the paperwork completed in time to allow reclamation at the site to take place this coming fall 2000.

Please do not hesitate to contact Tony Gallegos or Doug Jensen at the Division, for guidance in preparing the amendment information within the 30-day time frame. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor
Minerals Reclamation Program

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Enclosure: Form MR-SMO
attachment: Option A - AMMI
cc: Sal Venticinque, BLM Moab FO
Mary Ann Wright - w/o attachments
Lowell Braxton -w/o attachments
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Absolute Mining and Minerals LLC
Dolores River Placer Operations
S/019/035 (UTU-72488)
July 11, 2000

OPTION A

- A. IMMEDIATE RECLAMATION** - Agree to immediately begin reclamation of portions of the site to reduce the affected area to five acres or less. Immediate reclamation would include regrading portions of the site and removing any equipment or debris from those areas as approved and directed in writing by the BLM and Division. The immediate reclamation to be performed should envision seeding of the site this coming fall, 2000. If this option is selected, the Division and BLM would coordinate in preparing a written description of the immediate reclamation tasks and tentative schedule which would then be provided to AMMI.
- A.1.** As part of this option, AMMI will also need to provide an amendment to its current Small Mine Notice filed with the Division and the Plan Of Operations filed with the BLM. This amendment will need to be submitted within 30 days of notifying the Division of AMMI's decision to choose the Immediate Reclamation option. This amendment should describe the current and proposed mining activities, surface disturbances, and the proposed site reclamation. Also, describe the equipment to be involved in these activities and estimate the volume of materials to be mined or moved as part of the reclamation. Include a proposed schedule of mining and reclamation activities which will take place over the next three to five years. Describe all portions of the mine site which will be affected as part of these mining and reclamation activities.
- A.2.** As part of this option, AMMI will also need to delineate in the field with clear markers, all portions of the mine site which have been described under item 1 as being affected as part of the mining and reclamation activities. **Please use the enclosed three copies of the site map as prepared by the Division to show these boundaries. Keep one copy and return the other two maps with disturbed or proposed disturbed area boundaries delineated to both the BLM and the Division as part of your amendment.**

Assigned DOGM File No.: S / /

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO COMMENCE SMALL MINING OPERATIONS

The informational requirements of this form are based on provisions of the Mined Land Reclamation Act, Title 40-8, Utah Code Annotated 1987, and the General Rules as promulgated under the Utah Minerals Regulatory Program.

"Small Mining Operations" means mining operations which disturb five or less surface acres at any given time.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION (Rule R647-3-104)

1. Name of Mine: _____

2. Name of Operator/Applicant: _____
Company () Corporation () Partnership () Individual ()

3. Permanent Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Telephone Number: () _____ Fax: _____

4. Ownership of Land Surface:

Private (Fee) ☐ Public Domain (BLM) ☐ National Forest (USFS) ☐

State Trust Land/School Sections ☐ State Sovereign Lands ☐

Other (please describe): _____

Name _____ Address _____

Name _____ Address _____

Name _____ Address _____

Name _____ Address _____

5. Ownership of Minerals:Private (Fee) ☐ Public Domain (BLM) ☐ National Forest (USFS) ☐State Trust Land/School Sections ☐ State Sovereign Lands ☐

Other (please describe): _____

Name _____ Address _____

Name _____ Address _____

Name _____ Address _____

Name _____ Address _____

Utah Mining Claim Number(s): _____

Utah State Lease Number(s): _____

Name of Lessee(s): _____

6. Have the above surface and mineral owners been notified in writing?

Yes _____ No _____

If no, why not? _____

Please be advised that if State Trust Lands are involved, notification to the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining alone does not satisfy the notification requirements of Mineral Leases upon State Trust Lands. Exploration or mining activity on State Trust Lands requires a minimum of 60 days notice to the Trust Lands Administration prior to commencing any activities. Please contact the School Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) at (801) 538-5508 for notification requirements.

7. Does the operator have legal right to enter and conduct mining operations on the land covered by this notice? Yes _____ No _____

II. PROJECT LOCATION & MAP (Rule R647-3-105)

1. Project Location (legal description):

County(ies): _____

____ 1/4, of ____ 1/4, of ____ 1/4: Section: _____ Township: _____ Range: _____

____ 1/4, of ____ 1/4, of ____ 1/4: Section: _____ Township: _____ Range: _____

____ 1/4, of ____ 1/4, of ____ 1/4: Section: _____ Township: _____ Range: _____

UTM East _____ (if known) UTM North _____ (If known)

Name of Quad Map for Location _____

2. A topographic base map showing the location of the proposed small mining operation must be submitted with this notice. A USGS 7.5 minute series map is preferred. The areas to be disturbed should be plotted in sufficient detail so that they can be located on the ground. It is recommended that the operator also photo document, plot and label any pre-existing disturbances in the immediate vicinity that he is not responsible for.

3. The proposed (5 acre or less) disturbed area boundary (including access/haul roads) **must** be marked in the field ON THE GROUND with metal T-Posts (or with some other marker of equal effectiveness). Markers must be appropriately spaced so that the next marker in either direction is clearly visible with the naked eye.

III. OPERATION PLAN (Rule R647-3-106)

1. Type of mining: Surface ☐ Underground ☐
2. Mineral(s) to be mined: _____
3. Will any water, liquid chemicals, reagents, or other solutions be used, produced or discharged as part of the mining or milling process?
Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, please describe (add extra pages if needed) _____

4. Provide a brief description of the proposed mining operation and onsite processing facilities (add extra pages if necessary). _____

5. ☐ New Road(s): Length _____(ft) Width _____(ft)
6. ☐ Improved Road(s): Length _____(ft) Width _____(ft)
7. Total project surface acreage to be disturbed: _____(acres)
8. Proposed startup date of project (month, year) _____
9. Proposed completion date of project, if known (month, year) _____

IV. OPERATION AND RECLAMATION PRACTICES (Rule R647-3-107, 108 & 109)

The reclamation and operation obligation is to keep the area clean and safe, minimize hazards to public safety, return the land to a useful condition, and reestablish at least 70 percent of the premining vegetative ground cover. To accomplish this, the operator will need to perform reclamation concurrently, or at the completion (within one (1) year) of mining:

1. *Keep the mining operation in a safe, clean, and environmentally stable condition.*
2. *Permanently seal all shafts and tunnels to prevent unauthorized or accidental entry.*
3. *Plug drill holes with a five foot cement surface plug. Holes that encounter fluids are to be plugged in the subsurface to prevent aquifer contamination.*
4. *Construct berms, fences, or barriers, when needed, above highwalls and excavations.*
5. *Remove, isolate, or neutralize all toxic materials in a manner compatible with federal and state regulations.*

6. *Remove all waste or debris from stream channels.*
7. *Dispose of any trash, scrap metal, wood, machinery, and buildings.*
8. *Conduct mining activities so as to minimize erosion and control sediment.*
9. *Reclaim all roads that are not part of a permanent transportation system.*
10. *Stockpile topsoil and suitable overburden prior to mining.*
11. *Stabilize highwalls by backfilling or rounding to 45 degrees or less, where feasible; reshape the land to near its original contour, and redistribute the topsoil and suitable overburden.*
12. *Properly prepare seedbed to a depth of six inches by ripping, discing, or harrowing.*
13. *Reseed disturbed areas with adaptable species. (The Division recommends seeding 20 lbs./acre of native and introduced species of grass, forb, and browse seed, and will provide a specific species list if requested.)*
14. *Plant the seed with a rangeland or farm drill, or if broadcast seeded, harrow or rake the seed 1/4-1/2 inch into the soil - fall is the preferred time to seed.*

V. **VARIANCE REQUEST** (Rule R647-3-110)

Yes ☐ No ☐

Any planned deviations from Rules R647-3-107, Operation Practices, R647-3-108, Hole Plugging Requirements, or R647-3-109, Reclamation Practices, as summarized above, should be identified below and justification given for the variance request(s).

<u>Item Number</u>	<u>Variance Request Justification</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

VI. **PERMIT FEE** [Mined Land Reclamation Act 40-8-7(I)]

The Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975 [40-8-7 (I)] provides the authority for the assessment of permitting fees. Commencing with the 1998 fiscal year (July 1 - June 30), permit fees are assessed to new and existing notices of intention and annually thereafter.

Small Mining Notices require a \$100.00 fee which must accompany this application.

VII. **SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT**

I hereby commit to conduct mining operations and to reclaim the aforementioned small mine as required by the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act (40-8) and the rules as specified by the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining.

Signature of Operator/Applicant: _____

Name (typed or printed): _____

Title/Position (if applicable): _____

Date: _____